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Applicant: Tojo et al.

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Examiner: P. Echols

Title: "Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film
on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"AMENDMENT-EBox Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 29, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claim 43 as shown on the attached sheet.

Please cancel claim 35 without prejudice and without dedication or abandonment of the
subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

The claims in the application remain claims 14-16, 19, 20, 26, 27, 30-33, 34 and 36-43, of
which claims 14-16, 19 and 36 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as
being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant encloses herewith a Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.132 from inventor Hisashi
Kurota attesting to the unobviousness and advantages of method of the invention involving
application of the strippable paint to finished surfaces prior to mounting of an engine and
functional parts to the vehicle during an assembly process. A similar amendment from inventor